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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford  
Amb. William W. Scranton, Permanent Representative to the UN  
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Monday, August 30, 1976  
12:35 - 1:00 p. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

Scranton: I thought Henry Kissinger's description of the Southern African situation was accurate, but I think it will come more rapidly than he says, and may be even worse.

President: I hope I made my point clear on that and Korea.

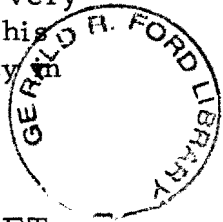
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-- Pennsylvania. We have some problems. One is Schweicker, who can't face that this is his fault. He is extremely ambitious and very bitter about Dean, me, etc. He won't face his problem -- that it is his own. We need him back to work with us. We have to get Dean to stay in it also.

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I am convinced that our multilateral activity is increasing very rapidly. I think it will grow in the future. The Third World is pushing it. In view of this, I decided my operation should be a team operation, not a one-man show. We need to keep this team in place and operating this session. If you don't think this way -- or Henry Kissinger or Brent -- tell me so.

President: /Indicated concurrence./

Scranton: Four subjects will come up, or have come up: Zambia already has. Vietnam membership; Angola membership; Namibia -- which Henry is handling beautifully. We can't be against the Third World on all of these.

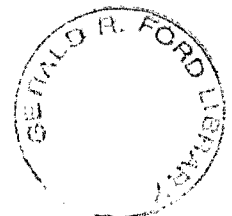
Namibia is going well; Vietnam I understand you want to veto. That is okay, but I will have a suggestion then. Henry wants to abstain on Angola; I understand you lean to veto. We don't really have good intelligence on the Cubans there -- George doesn't have it but you should try to get the best we can. I would urge you to abstain.

President: I think what we do must be tied to Henry's initiative. If it would help that, I am willing to abstain. If not, domestically it would be better to veto. I will have to rely on Henry, you and Brent. Let's wait and see what happens.

Scranton: The other thing is you speaking before the UN. I am presently opposed to the idea. I might change my mind if there was some real event, but now I think it could be bad.

President: You and Henry agree on that. I am inclined against it, unless we can hit a ten-strike. And that I don't see right now.

Scranton: We are in bad shape on the advisory commission. Krol can't (because of the Vatican); Adams can't because he is a judge and there is a conflict between the branches of government.



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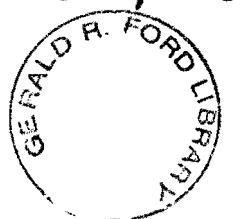
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S We <sup>(K's initiative)</sup> need shape on advisory commission. K not sure; Adams can't because <sup>no</sup> judge & there is a branch of just suspect.

